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California Pool & Spa Association

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Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds
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Subject: Comments on Public Draft Report of the Independent Technical Panel (ITP) on Demand Management Measures: "Recommendations Report to the Legislature on Landscape Water Use Efficiency."

Dear Ms. Saare-Edmonds,

The California Pool and Spa Association (CPSA) would like to thank the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the opportunity to provide comments on the Independent Technical Panel's (ITP) draft report on Landscape Water Use Efficiency.

Under Section 6 of the Draft Report of the Independent Technical Panel (ITP) on Demand Management Measures, regarding the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) Future Revisions and Process Updates, the ITP recommends that Section 492.6(a)(2)(D) of MWELo be amended to change the recommendation to use pool and spa covers to a mandate to use pool and spa covers.

CPSA agrees with, and is highly supportive of, this recommendation. The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the California Polytechnic State University produced a recent study regarding the effectiveness of pool covers in reducing the evaporation rate of swimming pools. In this study it was found that pool covers reduced evaporation by about 95 percent. We have attached this study for your review also.

CPSA and our members are California's leaders in the pool and spa industry and understand the importance of water conservation. We are constantly working to provide Californians with the education, tools and technology needed to achieve significant, smart and lasting reductions in outdoor water use while enjoying their backyard pool, spa or hot tub. This recommendation by the ITP would significantly increase water efficiency with regards to pools, and CPSA believes that it should be included in the next amendment to MWELo.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



John Norwood

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